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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE--WEO GROUP MEETING

1. SUMMARY. WEO CONSULTATIVE GROUP AT THIRD COMITE LEVEL MET TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS. GENERAL APPROACH ON MOST SUBJECTS COULD BE DESCRIBED AS TIMID. MOST SPEAKERS SEEM TO FEEL THAT HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE SUPPORTED IN THE UN ARE THOSE WHICH WIN SUPPORT OF AFRICAN STATES. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER ITEM 12 TWO DRAFT RESES WERE CIRCULATED. FIRST, WAS BELGIAN TEXT OF RES ON DECLARATION OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. SECOND , WAS UK DRAFT ON CHILE. BOTH HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY TO DEPT.

3. DISCUSSION OF ITEM 73 "ATLTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS FOR IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS" WAS DESULTORY AT BEST. ALL AGREED THAT NO PROGRESS WAS LIKELY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (UNHCHR), AND UK REP SUGGESTED MERELY A PROCEDURAL RES TO PLACE ITEM ON AGENDA OF 31ST GA.

4. US DEL SAID THAT AT MINIMUM GA SHOULD SEEK TO MOVE AHEAD ON ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE THIS YEAR, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF INVESTIGATORY COMITE FOR CHILE, SYG'S  
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INTERVENTION TO SAVE LIVES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN

ETHIOPIA, AND USYG MORSE'S TRIP TO CHILE. IN ADDITION, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO IMPROVING CAPABILITIES OF HRC. IN THIS VEIN HE SUGGESTED A RES CITING THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND ASKING FOR CONSIDERATION OF WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY AT COMMISSION AND ECOSOC LEVEL.

5. ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS FRG REP EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD STAND READY TO THROW AMENDMENTS INTO HOPPER IF SOVIETS PUSHED AHEAD WITH THEIR DRAFT DECLARATION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED BY US DEL, NO ONE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON SOVIET PLANS TO BRING CSDE INTO THE DISCUSSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ITEMS.

6. ON TORTURE NETHERLANDS REP DESCRIBED PASSAGE OF DECLARATION AT CRIME CONGRESS AND SUGGESTED THAT COMITE: A) ADOPT PROCEDURAL RES COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE CONGRESS; B) THE ADOPT TEXT OF DECLARATION AS IT WILL BE PRESENTED IN CONGRESS REPORT; AND 3) AVOID ANY MENTION OF IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY IN ORDER TO AVOID NEGATIVE REACTION PARTICULARLY AMONG AFRICAN DELS. THESE COMMENTS SEEM TO SIGNAL A DISLIKE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SUGGESTION FOR EXPERT GROUP ON TORTURE. US DEL SAID THAT US WOULD WITHOUT QUESTION MOVE AHEAD ON SECRETARY'S STUDY GROUP PROPOSAL AND WOULD SHORTLY RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ALLOWING FOR FRUITFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED REPS.  
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